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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Advisory Group Members

SUBJECT : Minutes of 12 August 1976 Executive  
Advisory Group Meeting

1. The Executive Advisory Group received a briefing by the Deputy Director for Science and Technology on the Agency's present Research and Development Program, at the 12 August 1976 EAG Meeting. Topics discussed included:

- the functional areas in which R&D is being carried out;
- the ways DDS&T directly supports various Agency components;
- significant accomplishments and recent products; and
- long-range goals.

2. Careful focus was given to the problem of what stimulates requirements for DDS&T support. For support to the Operations Directorate, the need is for an articulation of functional requirements and operational constraints. One way to talk about requirements is to talk about what it is that needs to be done. A brief examination of the role of the Technical Requirements Board of the Operations Directorate was made. Based upon this cursory look at the problem, it appeared that the Technical Requirements Board may be useful for validating and reviewing technical requirements, but not as useful in generating them. Also related to requirements, the point was made that more long-range attention be given to operational needs

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3. The Deputy Director for Operations made the point that we should examine the possibility of obtaining offset payments from

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